

**Regular Meeting #10-18
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 29, 2010**

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carl Burnett, Ritta Seitz, Carri Brown, Laura Holton and Scott Zody.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes of Tuesday, April 20, 2010

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Acceptance of a Sub-grant Award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; delegation of signature authority for the grant activities; the Approval of a Special Revenue Fund to account for the grant activities; the issuance of an Amended Certificate; the approval of a revenue and expenditure budget, and the approval of an Advance from the General Fund to be repaid from grant funds – Job & Family Services

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted approve the Acceptance of a Sub-grant Award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; delegation of signature authority for the grant activities; the Approval of a Special Revenue Fund to account for the grant activities; the issuance of an Amended Certificate; the approval of a revenue and expenditure budget, and the approval of an Advance from the General Fund to be repaid from grant funds – Job & Family Services, see resolution 10-04.29.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of Utilities resolutions

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the Utilities Department as follows:

10-04.29.b Approval of Contract: Award of Salt for the regenerating resin type water softener units - Utilities

10-04.29.c Approval of Special Water Systems line charges and connection fees - Utilities

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of Engineer's resolutions

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted approve resolutions for the Engineer's Office as follows:

- 10-04.29.d Approval of Construction Drawings for the GRE-42, FAI-CR37-4.22 North Columbus Street over a Tributary of the Hocking River Bridge Replacement Project - Engineer
- 10-04.29.e Approval of Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR41-1.75 Marcy Road NW Drainage Improvement Project - Engineer
- 10-04.29.f Approval to Rescind Resolutions for the FAI-CR13-19.09 Basil-Western Road Resurfacing Project - Engineer
- 10-04.29.g Approval of advertising for the FAI-CR13-19.09 Basil-Western Road Resurfacing Project - Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of reduction in appropriations and estimated receipts – Public Assistance Fund - JFS

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a reduction in appropriations and estimated receipts – Public Assistance Fund, see resolution 10-04.29.h

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of Financial Resolutions

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve financial resolutions as follows:

- 10-04.29.i Approval of Memo Expenditure – 2580 – Engineer Subdivision Inspection Fund
- 10-04.29.j Approval of Amended Certificate, update receipt line items and appropriate from unappropriated – Fund 2766 – Bullet Proof Vest Grant - Sheriff
- 10-04.29.k Approval of Amended Certificate, update receipt line item, increase appropriations account to account and fund to fund transfer of Levy Fund #2362 to ODOT Fund 3445 - Engineer
- 10-04.29.l Approval of Amended Certificate, conversion of prior year encumbrance to current year appropriation – Commissioners Fund 3011 – FY2009 FAA Grant
- 10-04.29.m Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer – Insurance (General)
- 10-04.29.n Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Utilities Fund 5046 (Water)
- 10-04.29.o Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Utilities Fund 5044
- 10-04.29.p Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Sheriff General Fund
- 10-04.29.q Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Sheriff General Fund
- 10-04.29.r Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Dog Shelter
- 10-04.29.s Approval of Account to Account Transfer – FCBDD

- 10-04.29.i Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Fund 2689 – Adult Community Based Corrections
- 10-04.29.j Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Juvenile Court
- 10-04.29.v Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Commissioners Drainage Maintenance District Sub-fund 2496
- 10-04.29.w Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Probation Services Fund – Common Pleas
- 10-04.29.x Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – JFS CSEA Fund
- 10-04.29.y Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – FCBDD
- 10-04.29.z Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – FCBDD
- 10-04.29.aa Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Subdivision Fund 2580 - Engineer
- 10-04.29.bb Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer Motor Vehicle Fund
- 10-04.29.cc Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – SA Ditch Maintenance Fund – Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
 Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, April 29, 2010, check date April 30, 2010

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Authorization for Payment of bills, April 29, 2010, check date April 30, 2010, see resolution 10-04.29.dd

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
 Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met to review legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Ed Laramee, Carl Burnett, Dave Scheffler and Scott Zody.

Mr. Scheffler provided the Board with an update on the Election House Road alteration project. Mr. Scheffler provided a packet of information containing drawings and renderings relative to adjustments in the design and some berms and tree plantings anticipated for buffers adjacent to the River Valley Highlands development. Mr. Scheffler stated he wanted to try to respond to any questions or concerns the Board had relative to the project.

Commissioner Shupe stated the Commissioners had received some letter and emails relative to the project, and she received 4 phone calls the previous day, 2 of which were in opposition to the project. Commissioner Shupe stated the concerns being raised are from landowners and businesses along North Columbus Street about installing a curve in a straight road and lack of coordination with the Engineer's Office on the 33A/Election House/North Columbus Street intersection.

Mr. Scheffler stated it is somewhat dismaying to him to read some of the news articles that have been written relative to the project stating the purpose of the project is to allow larger planes to use the airport. That is not true, and the main reason for moving the

road is so the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will approve the instrumentation landing and GPS system for the airport. The FAA will not approve the installation of the system with Election House Road in its current location. Mr. Scheffler provided an overview of how the system works in assisting pilots with landing, particularly in bad weather. The new system would provide both horizontal and vertical guidance to aircraft to guide them within 300 feet of the runway. Mr. Scheffler stated if the system is not installed, the Fairfield County Airport will be perceived as a 2nd-class facility.

Commissioner Kiger asked how the airport would be limited without the system, and Mr. Scheffler stated the airport would not be marketable in order to compete for business and tenants like other regional/county airports such as Athens, Newark, and Zanesville. Commissioner Shupe asked what a LPV is, and Commissioner Kiger stated it stands for Lateral Precision Approach, which is the new system Mr. Scheffler is referring to.

Mr. Scheffler stated the airport was initially denied permission to install a directional approach GPS system, and when the FAA came down to the airport for a meeting and saw the proximity of Election House Road to the East runway, they stated that is a significant safety issue and must be addressed, and the airport has been pursuing this option ever since.

Commissioner Shupe stated she understands not utilizing the grant funding that is available, but comparing a few airplanes to the 5,000 vehicles that travel Election House Road for safety purposes doesn't make much sense – what kind of airport is the Fairfield County airport currently? Mr. Scheffler stated the Fairfield County Airport is a very high quality facility with newer hangars and good facilities to service aircraft, including business aircraft, and is classed as a General Aviation (GA) airport.

Commissioner Shupe noted Mr. Scheffler stated the airport's status would be perceived as second class, and Mr. Scheffler stated that perception is reality, and if planes don't feel they can land there they will go elsewhere to land, service and store their aircraft.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the road relocation would make it safer for airplanes or for cars, and Mr. Scheffler the safety would increase for both, not just one or the other. Commissioner Shupe asked if the road is moved and the full runway becomes usable, what would change, and Mr. Scheffler stated the airport could market the full 5,000 foot runway – currently approximate 260 feet of the East end cannot be utilized, and it does increase safety for both aviators and drivers.

Commissioner Kiger stated there is also the issue of what type of planes the runway would support relative to weight, and Mr. Scheffler stated most business aircraft can land and be supported currently, but the lack of proper instrument landing systems is a negative.

Commissioner Shupe asked about the potential impacts to the River Valley Highlands subdivision, and Mr. Scheffler stated they are working with the residents to mitigate impacts of the road, and reminded the Board that there are deed notifications on all of the River Valley Highlands lots relative to the airport and aircraft activity.

Mr. Scheffler stated they are amending the road design to move the pavement approximately 40 feet to the West to allow the installation of an earthen berm and planting of trees to reduce visual impacts to the homeowners, particularly from headlights at night. Mr. Scheffler stated he is going to provide copies of the draft plans to the homeowners today.

Mr. Scheffler informed the Board that he had met with Victor Kull to discuss Mr. Kull's concern regarding potential loss of road frontage and the need for some additional right-of-way for shoulder and drainage purposes, and that meeting went very well and he and Mr. Kull established a positive dialogue.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the airport had the required matching funds to complete the project, and Mr. Scheffler stated he believes they have the funding. Commissioner Shupe stated she has heard from both property owners along Election House and people that travel the road, and asked if there are any alternative relative to the timing of the grant funding. Mr. Scheffler stated other alternatives such as lengthening the runway to the West and tunneling Election House Road were explored but discarded due to the expense. Constructing a North-South runway was also looked at, but the cost (\$10-20 million) was prohibitive.

Commissioner Shupe reiterated that it was a shame the project could not be better coordinated with the Engineer relative to the 33A/Election House/North Columbus Street intersections. Mr. Scheffler assured the Board that the airport has put much time and effort into the project, and this appears to be the best solution.

Commissioner Shupe stated it appears this project would mostly benefit hang gliders and skydivers, and Mr. Scheffler stated the airport views this project as an economic development issue, and maintaining a viable airport is crucial to attracting and retaining businesses with aviation assets or interests.

Commissioner Shupe stated the issue as she sees it is the expense and/or inconvenience of 5,000 vehicles vs. a few airplanes. Commissioner Kiger stated that the homeowners in River Valley should be pleased with the efforts to mitigate their impacts, and Mr. Scheffler stated the safety at 33A should also be improved with routing traffic from Election House to Victor Road and the traffic light at Meijers.

The Board discussed several items on the Review agenda, and Mr. Zody stated the EMA would be preparing a list of equipment needs they would like to purchase now that the bids have been opened for the JFS building renovations and they know there will be some funding available.

Regarding the Solid Waste District funding options for consideration, Commissioner Shupe suggested Mr. Zody collect and prepare a packet for the Board to discuss the options prior to the next Solid Waste District meeting in Newark in May.

Commissioner Kiger stated he has scheduled a meeting with Human Resources Director Aundrea Cordle to discuss options for new employee evaluations, as he believes the current evaluations are in need of updates.

Mr. Laramee provided the Board with an update on Education Service Center election costs. Mr. Laramee stated the ESC is claiming they should not have to pay any share of their election costs, even though they had board candidates on the county wide ballot last fall. Mr. Laramee stated the Secretary of State had sent out an advisory, but were challenged on it by the ESC state association and while they admitted they did not really have legal enforcement capability for the advisory, they did not rescind it.

Mr. Laramee stated he believes counties have the right to charge back the ESCs, and he would discuss the issue with Jason Dolin when he returns.

Executive Session

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present was Scott Zody.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

No official actions were taken.

11:15 a.m. Meeting with Aundrea Cordle

The Board of Commissioners met with Human Resources Director Aundrea Cordle to discuss various issues. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present was Scott Zody.

Ms. Cordle stated that Sgt. Mark Churchill and Chief Deputy Perrigo have initiated discussion with the dispatcher on their collective bargaining contract. This contract will only be for a 2-year term in order to “synch up” with the deputies, sergeants and lieutenants contract, which are three–year contracts but due to expire in 2012.

Commissioner Kiger stated at this point, the Board probably can't commit to any specific issues relative to compensation until the county financial picture becomes more stable.

Regarding the provision of medical services at the county jail, Ms. Cordle advised the Board that Dr. Vajen and Dr. Varney should provide a copy of their certificate of medical malpractice insurance coverage each year as the policy is renewed. A copy of those policies should then be provided to CORSA.

Executive Session

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present was Aundrea Cordle.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

No official actions were taken.

11:30 a.m. Meeting with CORSA, Aundrea Cordle

The Board of Commissioners met with David Brooks from CORSA, Chip Clark, Chris Clark, and Aundrea Cordle to discuss county liability insurance coverage. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present was Scott Zody.

Ms. Cordle stated it is time for the county to renew its coverage with CORSA, and Commissioner Kiger asked if there is good news or bad news. Mr. Brooks stated there is some of both.

Mr. Brooks stated the county renewal is due May 1st, and there is a program cost formula that is used to determine premiums each year, which includes factors such as payroll, number of employees and the kinds or exposure or risk the county has. For example, from 2007 to 2008, the county payroll increased by nearly \$3,000,000.

Chip Clark stated there is some concern relative to the accuracy of those figures, which is part of the reason they wished to meet with the Board. Ms. Cordle stated if those figures are going back 2 years, then she believes they are fairly accurate. Commissioner Kiger asked if those figures were for salaries only, and Ms. Cordle stated that is correct, but those figures also include the Board of Elections judges and poll workers, the county share of Municipal Court judges, and some other salaries that are not normally thought of as "county".

Mr. Brooks stated there is an issue with the jail and the inmate count, as that was overlooked in last year's coverage and premium and as a result, the county paid less than it should have for their coverage. It was an unfortunate oversight that no one locally or a CORSA caught. Mr. Brooks stated that will likely increase the cost of coverage this year for the county, and the issue of rising drug abuse numbers among inmates is a concern as well.

Mr. Brooks stated that they are looking at the 2008-2009 numbers currently for premiums. Back when CORSA initiated this program, they did a bond issue with the original 39 counties to cover excess liability costs. The bond issue actually made money for the program, and as a result, CORSA has been returning the excess to the counties since 2006, but 2009 marked the final payment of the excess.

Mr. Brooks stated the gross program costs have increased \$24,000 for this year's premium, and the county will save \$10,000 through it's enrollment and participation in the loss control program, so the net increase will only be about \$14,000.

Mr. Brooks stated the good news is that costs will not increase as much as they could have, especially with the oversight of the jail in the previous year, and CORSA has determined it will not ask the county to make up the underpayment since CORSA was also at fault for missing it.

Chip Clark stated it was a mistake on his part for not submitting the correct figures for the jail, but COSA missed it as well. Ms. Cordle stated the net payment would increase approximately \$60,000, but \$40,000 of that is due to the bond excess repayments no longer applying.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on the motion of Judith Shupe and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Scott Zody, Clerk/Manager

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' IS
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.**